

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (original). A method of cryptographic processing on a computer, which comprises the steps of:

prescribing an elliptic curve in a first form, the elliptic curve having a plurality of first parameters;

transforming the elliptic curve into a second form

$$y^2 = x^3 + c^4ax + c^6b$$

by determining a plurality of second parameters, wherein at least one of the second parameters is shortened in length by comparison with the first parameter;

wherein x, y are variables;

a, b are the first parameters; and

c is a constant;

wherein at least the parameter a is shortened by selecting the constant c such that

$$c^4a \bmod p$$

is determined to be significantly shorter than a length of the parameter b and the length of the prescribed variable p ; and

determining the elliptic curve in the second form for cryptographic processing.

2 (original). The method according to claim 1, wherein the first form of the elliptic curve is defined by $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$.

3 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises carrying out cryptographic encoding.

4 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises carrying out cryptographic decoding.

5 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises carrying out key allocation.

6 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises carrying out a digital signature.

7 (original). The method according to claim 6, which comprises carrying out a verification of the digital signature.

8 (original). The method according to claim 1, which comprises carrying out an asymmetrical authentication.

9 (currently amended). In a device for cryptographic processing, a processor unit programmed to:

prescribe an elliptic curve in a first form, with a plurality of first parameters determining the elliptic curve;

transform the elliptic curve into a second form

$$y^2 = x^3 + c^4ax + c^6b$$

by determining a plurality of second parameters, at least one of the second parameters being shortened in length by comparison with the first parameter;

wherein x, y are variables;

a, b are the first parameters; and

c is a constant;

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parameter a is shortened by selecting the constant c such
that

$$c^4a \bmod p$$

can be determined to be much shorter than the length of the
parameter b and the length of the prescribed variable p; and

determine the elliptic curve in the second form for the
purpose of cryptographic processing.

10 (original). The device according to claim 9, wherein the
device is embodied as a chip card with a memory area, the
memory area being adapted to store the parameters of the
elliptic curve.

11 (original). The device according to claim 10, wherein the
chip card has a protected memory area adapted to store a
secret key.

12 (original). A computer-readable medium having computer-
executable instructions for performing a cryptographic
processing method which comprises the steps of:

prescribing an elliptic curve in a first form, the elliptic
curve having a plurality of first parameters;

transforming the elliptic curve into a second form

$$y^2 = x^3 + c^4ax + c^6b$$

by determining a plurality of second parameters, wherein at least one of the second parameters is shortened in length by comparison with the first parameter;

wherein x, y are variables;

a, b are the first parameters; and

c is a constant;

wherein at least the parameter a is shortened by selecting the constant c such that

$$c^4a \bmod p$$

is determined to be significantly shorter than a length of the parameter b and the length of the prescribed variable p ; and

determining the elliptic curve in the second form for cryptographic processing.

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13 (original). The computer-readable medium according to claim 12, wherein the first form of the elliptic curve is defined by $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$.